(ग) प्रौद्योगिकी आर्थिक मूल्यांकन के आधार पर नई कोयला परियोजनाओं और नई परियोजनाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में कोयला कंपनियों द्वारा 4591.25 करोड़ रुपये की राशि का निवेश किये जाने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

कोयला खानों को बंद किया जाना

470. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री शमशेर सिंह सुरेजवाला:

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ऐसी कोयला खानों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें कोयला होने के बावजूद कतिपय अन्य कारणों से बंद कर दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन बंद पड़ी खानों में से कुल कोयला खानों को फिर से चालू करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) क्या सरकार इस समय बंद पड़ी खानों को फिर से चालू करने के लिए इन्हें निजी उद्यमियों को सौंपने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कान्ति सिंह): (क) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (को० इ० लि०) की 29 कोयला खानें और सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज कम्पनी लिमिटेड (सि० को० कं० लि०) की 2 खानों को खनन योग्य भंडारों का परिसमापन होने के कारणों के अलावा अन्य कारणों से बंद कर दिया गया था।

(ख) को० ई० लि० और सि० को० कं० लि० का इन बंद पड़ी खानों को पुनः खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ग) भाग (ख) में दिए गए उत्तर को दृष्टिगत करते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

(घ) इन खानों को प्रतिकूल भूगर्भीय परिस्थितियों, सुरक्षा कारणों और तकनीकी—आर्थिक अव्यवहार्यता के कारण बंद कर दिया गया था।

(ङ) जी, नहीं।

(च) प्रश्न के भाग (ङ) में दिए गए उत्तर को दृष्टिगत करते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Theft of coal in Western India Coal Field in Nagpur

471. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a number of complaints of theft of coal in the Western India Coal Field in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the details of the theft and action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) On the basis of raids carried out by Security Personnel and through joint raids with state law and order authorities, 16 cases of theft involving 105.68 MT of coal have come to notice in WCL in 1996-97. In all the cases FIRs were lodged with the police and 9 persons were arrested.

Development of coal mines

472. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the specific steps taken by Government in Eighth Plan for the development of coal mines;

(b) the steps taken by Mahanadi Coalfields limited for the development of coal reserves in Orissa during last three years; and

(c) the proposal mooted thereon in the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Coal production increased from 238.11 Million Tonnes in 1992-93 to 288.65 Million Tonnes in 1996-97. Futher, regional exploration was conducted for 1374.5 Sq. Kms as against the target of 1200 Sq. Kms. Similarly 3,63 lakh metres of drilling was carried out under regional as well as promotional exploration schemes as against the target of 3.04 lakh metres. As a consequence

23.05 Billion Tonnes proved reserves were established. New legislative amendments were made to permit mining by companies engaged in the business of generation of power, manufacture of iron & steel and cement for mining coal for captive consumption. The prices of coking coal and A,B,C, & D grades of non-coking coal were de-regulated during the Eighth Plan.

(b) The following steps were taken by Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. during last three years.

(i) 5 on-going projects with aggregate capacity of 10.83 M/Y were completed.

(ii) 5 on-going projects with an aggregtate capacity of 20.10 M/Y are in advanced stage of implementation.

(iii) Advance Action on 5 projects having aggregated capacity of 29.9. M/Y have been taken up.

(iv) 4 project reports for an aggregate production capacity of 21 M/Y have been approved by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. Board.

(c) Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. proposed to increase its production from a level of 37.36 Mt. (1996-97) to a level of 47.25 Mt by the terminal year of IX Plan (2001-02)

Import of Coal

473. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering import of coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the present export and import policy, coal can be freely imported by the consumers themselves considering their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement. Government do not propose to import coal to meet the needs of any consumer.

Health facilities to coal mine workers

474. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide better health care facilities to the coal mine workers;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction by different coal companies;

(c) whether the Mahanadi Coal Field limited (MCL) has done anything during last three years in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details theeof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the last few years various special/super special facilities like Neonatology, Dialysis Unit, ICU, TMT and Holter monitor, Neuresurgery with Whole Body CT Scanner Unit, Endoscopy Unit, Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Physio Therapy Unit etc. have been created at various hospitals of CIL.

(c) and (d) The details of steps taken in Mahanadi Coalfields limtied (MCL) during last three years are given in the statement attached.

Statement

The details of steps taken in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited during last three years are as under:

(I) 250 bedded Nehru Satabadi Central Hospital has been commissioned at Talcher in June, 1995 in phased manner with 100 beds in Ist phase having 12 specialised department. This hospital is well equipped with 8 bedded ICCU and full fledged pathology